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Explanation of Significant Differences for Existing (Sanitary) Landfills Soil Remediation Project - Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) Federal Facility Site

The U.S. Army recently completed the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Existing (Sanitary) Landfills Soil Remediation. The ESD was issued based on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement stating that public notification must occur for any modification to the On-Post Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD provides detailed descriptions of the cleanup approach selected for the site. This ESD summarizes changes to remediation soil and trash/debris volumes and an increase in project cost compared to the original ROD projected project cost. While the contaminated soil boundaries did not change from the ROD, over-excavation to ensure complete removal of the material resulted in an increase in the volume sent to the on-site landfills. Additionally, the actual extent of trash/debris encountered was less than the projected volume in the ROD, which was based upon estimated depth and extent of trenches. Lastly, additional costs were incurred due to special handling requirements for asbestos-containing materials found during excavation. Together these changes increased costs 53 percent over the original ROD estimate. These changes do not alter the overall hazardous waste management remedy that was selected in the ROD.

The On-Post ROD was signed by the Army, the State of Colorado, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 11, 1996, and is supported by Shell Oil Company and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This ESD, the Administrative Record, the RODs and Post-ROD documents supporting the cleanup are available at the RMA Joint Administrative Record and Document Facility (JARDF), 303-289-0362, open M-F 12-4:00 p.m. and at the EPA Superfund Records Center, 303-312-7287, open M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Comments on this Explanation of Significant Differences are requested by May 4, 2005. Written questions/concerns should be directed to: Ms. Peggy Machamer, RVPRO, RMA, Building 111, Commerce City, CO 80022-1748; 303-289-0300, fax 303-289-0582, or by e-mail at pao@rma.army.mil.